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SUBJECT: JULY 16 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

SEVENTEEN RC PRIESTS, 9 NUNS, MOSTLY EUROPEANS WITH MANY
YRS MISSIONARY WORK, EXPELLED FROM VN FOR "NO REASON."
SAY SMALL NUMBER FOREIGN PRIESTS, NUNS REMAIN (WP).

AIR, SURFACE MAIL SERVICE FROM HK TO VN RESUMES (UPI,
NYDN).

2. THAILAND

POP TUNE BRANDS LEFTISTS "BURDEN ON THE LAND," STRIKES
RESPONSIVE CHORD AMONG ORDINARY THAIS (REUTER BANGKOK).

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3. JAPAN

WSJ REPORTS YEN EDGED HIGHER ON TOKYO FOREX MART THURSDAY. DOLLAR CLOSED 292.55 YEN. DEALERS ESTIMATED BANK OF JAPAN BOUGHT UP TO 150 MILLION DOLS. MITI SEEN PERSUADING MOF, GOJ ALLOW DOLLAR SAG 290 YEN, TO HELP ALLAY WORLD CRITICISM GROWING SURPLUS. MOF CUSTOMS FIGURES RELEASED THURSDAY SHOW 296 MILLION DOL TRADE SURPLUS JUNE. JAPANESE CARRIERS URGE FMC REJECT JUDGE KLINE RECOMMENDATION CUT TWO OF EIGHT TRANS-PACIFIC CONTAINER SERVICES. ALLEGE "CONSPICUOUS FAILURE" CONSIDER "EXTREME INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS" ONLY "ONE OF MANY ABERRATIONS" IN KLINE DECISION (MORRISON, JOC).

4. KOREA

SPOKESWOMAN SAID THURSDAY MOON SECT HAS GIVEN UP PLANS HOUSE DC AREA SUMMER WORKERS IN LONG-VACANT GEO MASON HOTEL, ALEXANDRIA, VA. CITED PROBLEMS IN MEETING SAFETY CODE STANDARDS. LOOKING FOR ALTERNATE SITE (KIERNAN, WP).

5. PHILIPPINES

MANILA BULLETIN QUOTES POLICE CLEARING USN OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY IN REPORTED DEATHS SIX FIL FISHERMEN DURING BOMBING EXERCISE. OFFICIALS SAID NO ONE HIT BY BOMB; FOUR FISHERMEN KILLED TRYING SALVAGE DUD; COULD NOT CONFIRM TWO OTHER REPORTED DEATHS (WP).

6. MALAYSIA

SIMONS (WP), IN KL, REVIEWS POLITICAL SITUATION. SAYS NEW PM HAS SET TWO PRIORITIES, FIGHTING COMMUNISM AND POVERTY. FINDS INSURGENCY STRONGER FOLLOWING COMMUNIST VICTORY VN LAST YEAR, SHIFTING TACTICS FROM JUNGLE RAIDS TO URBAN TERRORISM. OBSERVES MANY IN NATION, IF NOT MOST, SUPPORT PM, BUT SOME QUESTION PRIORITY ON SECURITY. LEADER OF CHINESE PPP, MEMBER RULING COALITION, RECOMMENDS GIVING LAND TO LANDLESS INSTEAD SPENDING MILLIONS ON DEFENSE. NOTES GOM HAS ORDERED 16 F-5E UNCLASSIFIED

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FIGHTERS FROM US, BUT SOURCE SAYS NO PLANS FOR MAJOR EXPANSION 40,000-MAN ARMY.

SAYS KEY QUESTION WHETHER PM CAN IMPROVE LIVES OF POOR WHILE KEEPING LID ON POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE ANIMOSITY BETWEEN MALAYS/LARGE CHINESE MINORITY. LITTLE LIGHT SHED ON ISSUE BY 7.2 BILLION DOL FIVE-YR PLAN ANNOUNCED RECENTLY. CITES LEFTIST CRITICISM THAT PM HUSSEIN SAME

AS RAZAK, TUNKU -- ALL CAME FROM WEALTHY FAMILIES, HAVE NO REAL UNDERSTANDING OF POOR, HAVE ALLOWED FOREIGN INVESTORS CONTROL TOO MUCH OF NATION'S WEALTH.

7. INDONESIA

GOI APPROCESBILL MAKING E TIMOR PART OF COUNTRY. SUHARTO EXPECTED SIGN MEASURE BEFORE INDO INDEPENDENCE DAY, AUG 17 (AP, WP).

BALI EARTHQUAKE DEAD AT 223 AS CASUALTY REPORTS CONTINUE COME IN; MAIN TOURIST AREAS NOT HIT. DIMENSIONS DISASTROUS IRIAN JAYA QUAKE REMAIN OBSCURE (AP WP, NYDN; PHINQ). MCDONALD (WP) AT IRIAN JAYA QUAKE SITE IN REMOTE VALLEY DESCRIBES DEVASTATION. SAYS MISSIONARIES ESTIMATE TOLL UNLIKELY RISE ABOVE 1000; OPINES JAKARTA ESTIMATE 5-9000 DEAD EXAGGERATED. ADDS PEOPLE DEPENDENT ON MISSIONARY FOOD AIRDROPS.

8. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

AUSSIE PM FRASER CALLS IN POLICE INVESTIGATE HOW 15 SECRET GOVT DOCUMENTS WERE LEAKED TO PRESS SINCE ASSUMED OFFICE; LEAKS INCLUDED TRANSCRIPT PART FRASER-HUA TALKS IN PEKING (REUTER CANBERRA). TWO SENIOR USSR DIPLOMATS BARRED FROM ENTERING AUSTRALIA BECAUSE SECRET SERVICE BELIEVES HAVE WORKED FOR KGB. DIPLOMATS WERE TO HAVE REPLACED TWO 1ST SECYS IN USSR EMBASSY (WP).

CARTHEW (CSM) SAYS GONZ REPORT ON FARMING PAINTS GLOOMY PICTURE OF FALLING PRODUCTION, LACK INVESTOR CONFIDENCE, UNCERTAINTY ON FUTURE EXPORT TRENDS. MENTIONS RECENT FARMER-GOVT ARGUMENT ON WELLINGTON EFFORT STABILIZE INCOMES FOR MEAT, WOOL EXPORTERS, SINCE FARMERS MUST FINANCE IT BY CONTRIBUTING PCTAGE INCOME DURING PEAK EXPORT-PRICE UNCLASSIFIED

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PERIODS. POINTS TO TRADITIONAL TOWN VS COUNTRY MENTALITY IN NZ THAT GOVTS MUST KEEP IN MIND WHEN DETERMINING RURAL ASSISTANCE. NOTES MULDOON GOVT ARGUES THAT ALL SECTORS MUST SHOULDER PART OF BURDEN TO REPAIR NATL ECONOMY.

OLYMPICS FACE FRESH CRISIS WITH 16 AFRICAN NATIONS DEMANDING EXPULSION NZ FOR MAINTAINING SPORTS LINKS WITH S AF (RUETER MONTREAL; FACET, WP). USSR ADVISED AFRICAN COUNTRIES AGAINST WITHDRAWING FOR POL REASONS (REUTER, PHINQ; NYDN SPEC).

ADD THAILAND

US, RTG ANNOUNCE US MIL WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE COMPLETED AS SCHEDULED NEXT TUES (REUTER BANGKOK).

9. CHINA

EVE PAPERS 7/15 GAVE MAJOR COVERAGE US THREAT WITHDRAW FROM OLYMPICS OVER TAIWAN ISSUE; HIRSHEY/MIFFLIN (NYDN), AND AP (CHITRIB 7/16) REPORT TAIWANESE MADE "PRELIMINARY STATEMENT" ASKING US REMAIN IN GAMES. US OLYMPIC CMTE CHRMN KRUMM STATED REQUEST "HAS HAD SOME EFFECT" ON US POSITION. ELEVENTH-HOUR APPEAL FROM KILLANIN TO TRUDEAU

RESULTED IN CANADIAN GOVT CONCESSION ALLOW ATHLETES MARCH UNDER ROC BANNER/PLAY NATL ANTHEM, BUT MUST COMPETE UNDER NAME "TAIWAN" (AP SUN, PHINQ). US SATISFIED WITH COMPROMISE PROPOSAL; KRUMM SAYS TEAM WILL COMPETE REGARDLESS OF WHAT ROC DECIDES DO NOW. ALTHOUGH INITIAL REACTION NEGATIVE, TAIWANESE DELEGATION LEADER TING INDICATED TEAM WOULD ABIDE BY RULES IF IOC VOTED CHAGE PROTOCOL RULES, REQUIRE ROC USE NAME "TAIWAN" FOR THESE GAMES ONLY. KILLANIN HOPED FACT "GENRAL SATISFACTION" AMONG US/IOC WOULD CONVINCE TAIWAN LEADERS AGREE TO PROPOSAL FOR ATHLETE'S SAKE (FACHET, WP; REUTER, MONTREAL).

HEAD SOVIET CONTINGENT PAVLOV SAYS HIS TEAM WILL COMPETE REGARDLESS OF OUTCOME TAIWAN ISSUE; TOLD NEWSMEN RUSSIA "HAS ALREADY GIVEN ALL NECESSARY GUARANTEES" IT WOULD COMPLY WITH IOC CHARTER IN 1980 (REUTER, PHINQ; NYDN SPEC).
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FACHET (WP) INTERVIEWS THOMAS HSUEH, CPT TAIWAN YACHTING TEAM AND ONE OF 3 ATHLETES ACCREDITED IN MONTREAL BEFORE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES REFUSED ENTRY TO REMAINDER ROC DELEGATION. HSUEH SAYS HE WILL REPRESENT ROC IN OPENING CEREMONIES, TAKING CHANCES ON SOLDIERS STOPPING HIM.

DOS OFFICIAL SAID 7/15 THAT MIT PROGRAM UNDER WHICH TAIWANESE ENGINEERS TRAINED IN TECHNOLOGY APPLICABLE TO MISSILE GUIDANCE CANCELLED BECAUSE ITS NATURE "NOT IN THE FURTHERANCE" US FOPOL/NATL SECURITY INTERESTS. TAIWAN CONSUL-GENERAL IN BOSTON REITERATED PROGRAM FOR ECON DEVELOPMENT ONLY, BUT DOS OFFICIALS/MIT REVIEW CMTE HAVE CONCLUDED ITS PRIMARY VALUE WAS MILITARY (SCHUMACHER, WP).

MILLIONS CHINESE SWAM IN RIVERS/LAKES/CANALS 7/16, MARKING 10TH ANNIV MAO'S SWIM DOWN YANGTZE. PEOPLE'S DAILY EDIT LAUDED MAO'S FEAT, WHICH WAS AIMED AT DEMONSTRATING HIS PHYSICAL CAPABILITY LEAD GPCR, BEGUN 1966 (REUTER, PEKING).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. CHINA

WP'S DENLINGER SAYS KRUMM INCONSISTENT--OPERATES SWITCHES MARKED "THREAT" AND "COMPROMISE" SIMULTANEOUSLY. FEELS ATHLETES THEMSELVES SHOULD HAVE SUPPORTED TAIWAN, BUT RECOGNIZES SUCH IDEAS UNFEASIBLE. ALSO ECHOES OTHER OPINIONS THAT ANY SOLUTION "WILL HAVE UGLY IMPLICATIONS" FOR 1980 MOSCOW GAMES.

WSJ'S KEATLEY DISCUSSES "UNEASY STALEMATE" AMONG PRC'S RADICALS/MODERATES. AMSPEC SAYS NO HUGE UPHEAVALS IMMINENT; BASIC LEADERSHIP DECISIONS, FOREIGN/DOMESTIC POLICY CHANGES MOST LIKELY COME ABOUT WHEN MAO DIES. RADICALS FEAR THAT PRC BEGINNING ABANDON "IDEOLOGICAL ZEAL FOR BUREAUCRATIC COMFORT" REPORTEDLY SHARED BY CHRMN, THUS LEAVING MODERATES LITTLE ROOM ADVANCE. KEATLEY STATES MODERATES DESIRE MAKE RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS LESS HOSTILE, IMPROVE TRADE WITH US; RADICALS WANT NO PART MOSCOW, DON'T LIKE "CONSORTING WITH AMERICAN CAPITALISTS." SWARTHMORE UNCLASSIFIED

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COLLEGE'S LIEBERTHAL NOTES PERSONAL ANTAGONISMS IN PRC TINGE POLICY DEBATE, "INEXTRICABLY" LINK SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WITH PERSONAL POLITICAL FORTUNES. US EXPERTS ASSUME MAO WON'T SURVIVE THIS YR AS ACTIVE LEADER, EXPECT MODERATE LINE EVENTUALLY PREVAIL. KEATLEY CONCLUDES PRC WILL DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION ECON MODERNIZATION, SMOOTHER FOREIGN RELS, MORE PRAGMATISM IN TACKLING PROBLEMS.

SUN EDIT ON UNSC MEETING CONCERNING ISRAELI RAID AT ENTebbe SAYS SO LONG AS USSR, PRC, LESSER POWERS PREVENT WORLD ACTIONS AGAINST TERRORISM, "THEY PROTECT IT, HOWEVER THEY MIGHT PANIC AT ITS USE AGAINST THEMSELVES."

MATHEWS (WP), IN TAIPEI, REPORTS TAIWAN PUSHING DEVELOPMENT DESPITE FADING OFFICIAL US PRESENCE. SAYS SOUND ECONOMY, CCK'S IMAGE AS "DOWN-TO-EARTH, HARDWORKING ADMINISTRATOR" HAVE MINIMIZED DISSENT. THOUGH ROC DOESN'T FEAR TRADE LOSS WHEN NORMALIZATION OCCURS BETWEEN US-PRC, IT DOES WORRY ABOUT ABRUPT CUTOFF MIL SUPPLIES, 80 MIL DOL LONG-TERM CREDITS FOR MIL PURCHASES. US OFFICIAL SAYS OF AMEMBASSY BLDG, "NOT TOO GRAND...BUT THEN IT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE TO FIX IT UP." KISSINGER

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